

## Heber, Utah

There has been some question as to the exact time that the bill was passed creating Wasatch County. By writing to Mr. Welling a present Sec. of State we learned that the bill was passed in January, 1862 creating Wasatch County from part of Utah County, and that the legislature adjourned January 17, 1862. John Witt was appointed probate judge and authorized to appoint officers for the county.

In the summer of 1862 some kind of arrangements had been made to have mail brought from Kimball's mail station to Heber in the summer months. Isaac O. Wall carried that mail on horseback about twice a week in the summer time for some years, but there was no mail service in the winter.

In the fall of 1870 Joseph S. Murdock returned to Heber from his mission in southern Utah and he got a contract to carry U. S. Mail from Provo to Echo by way of Heber and Kamas twice each week winter and summer.

It was at this time that John Galager was appointed postmaster in Heber. (Gallagher) Later Nose Gluff got the contract and carried the mail some years. Henry McMullin Sr. became postmaster, then John Duncan. In 1899 when the D.&R. G. railroad came into Heber they got the contract for carrying mail on a daily service schedule. Richard Bridge then became postmaster.

T. S. Watson began to run a daily stage between Heber and Park City about this time and later Joseph S. Murdock and sons and still later Luke and Hatch run the stage to Park City. Finally E. J. Duke bought out the Luke and Hatch and applied for a daily contract to carry the mail between Heber and Park City. E. J. Duke got this contract to carry and has carried the mail since that time as a Star Route contractor. His last contract was under bid by Ben Murdock in 1946 and he carried his last mail June 30, 1946.

About this time Fred Hays was Postmaster for a short time followed by John A. Smith who served for 16 years. Then Daniel McMullin for some six or seven years and Guy Duke then served as Acting Postmaster until Maranda Smith Young was appointed in 1924. Mrs. Young served until February 19, 1936.